

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Decision on Appeal dated August 31, 2006, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-43 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to recite:

"...wherein for the content object, **storing as a file object within the data repository, the list of content entity identifiers** indicating the content entities within the content object, wherein a hierarchical arrangement of the content entity identifiers within the list includes **at least one hierarchical tier and at least one subordinate tier** and corresponds to a user-defined content object hierarchical structure, and **storing the content entities within the data repository as a plurality of file objects**, each containing a content entity, wherein the content entity identifiers each include identification information identifying the content file object containing the content entity associated with that identifier."

Applicant submits that the prior art cited by the Examiner does not disclose the claimed content object storing a file object within a data repository and the storing of content entities within the data repository as a plurality of file objects or the hierarchical arrangement of content entity identifiers in hierarchical tiers as claimed. Further, there is no teaching or suggestion of content entity identifiers each including identification information identifying the content file object containing the content entity associated with that identifier. For at least the above reasons, claim 1 and its dependent claims should be deemed allowable. To the extent claims 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 40 and 42 recite similar subject matter, claims 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 40 and 42 and their dependent claims should also be deemed allowable for at least the same reasons.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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